

# Meet the candidate: Barbara Madsen

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- Age: 64
- Occupation: state Supreme Court chief justice
- Position on issues: Wrote the majority opinion declaring Washington's charter schools unconstitutional, was part of unanimous *McCleary v. State* ruling holding Legislature in contempt for failure to adequately fund schools.
- Achievements: Elected to state Supreme Court in 1992; re-elected in 1998, 2004 and 2010. Elected chief justice by peers in 2009. Developed child-abuse component of City of Seattle Family Violence Project; helped develop Seattle's Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee; chaired Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission.
- In the news: Has been the subject of criticism from the political right and praise from the political left for her votes on *McCleary* and charter schools.
- Education: Undergraduate degree from University of Washington, law degree from Gonzaga University.
- Family: Husband, Donald; four grown children, Sam, Hillary, Eleanor and Beau